

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 with the following amended paragraph:

Various types of triazole compounds have so far been reported as agents for the treatment of fungal infections. For example, triazole compounds having a tertiary hydroxy group are described in Japanese Patent Application Publication No. Hei 8-333350, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. Hei 11-80135, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. Hei 10-279567, and Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-342187. In Japanese Patent Application Publication No. Sho 62-1[[4]]2766, 2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1,3-bis(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-2-propanol (fluconazole) is described. In Japanese Patent Application Publication No. Hei 8-53426, 3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]-2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-2-butanol (ravuconazole) is described. In WO 99/45008, 2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-2-butanol (R00094815) is described. In Japanese Patent No. 2625584, 2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-3-(5-fluoro-4-pyrimidinyl)-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-2-butanol (voriconazole) is described. In Japanese Patent Application Publication No. Hei

9-183769, 1-[(1R,2R)-2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl]-3-[4-(1H-1-tetrazolyl)phenyl]-2-imidazolidinone (TAK-456) is described. In Japanese Patent Application Publication No. Hei 11-240871, 2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1-(ethylsulfonyl)-1,1-difluoro-3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-2-propanol (SS750) is described. In WO 98/31675, (2R,3R)-2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-3-[4-[4-[3-oxo-2-(4-trifluoromethoxybenzyl)-2H-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl]phenyl]-1-piperazinyl]-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-2-butanol (Syn-2869) is described. In WO97/05130, 7-chloro-3-[(1R,2R)-2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one (UR-9825) is described. Analogous triazole compounds are also described in Japanese Patent No. 3050982, WO 95/25107, WO 00/27852, WO 01/66551, and WO 01/79196.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 4 of page 99 with the following amended paragraph:

Compounds wherein X represents general formula (VI) can be synthesized according to the methods described in Japanese Patent Application Number Sho 62-1[[4]]2766.